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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith. The Preliminary Amendment requests cancellation of claims 1-56. Therefore, the pending claims are claims 57-63.

Also filed herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time.

In response to the Examiner's office action dated June 28, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect the species described by Figure 7. The claims that read on the elected species are claims 57-63.

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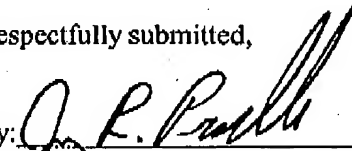
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It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-referenced application.